WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1.   A method for using software products that are offered via a network, comprising the steps of:

inquiring about a software product from an offer server by a user via a terminal device;

downloading said software product from said offer server via said network onto said terminal device in response to said inquiry of said user;

activating a software component of said software product;

starting a communication by way of said software component with a usage processing server regarding a usage of said software product in response to a call of said software product in said terminal device of said user;

providing, by said software component in a framework of said communication, data to said usage processing server; and

checking said data, by said usage processing server, and then making a determination selected from the group consisting of: whether usage of said software product is approved with respect to said inquiring user, and whether charging operations are carried out on user accounts and provider of software product accounts.

2.   A method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of operating said usage processing server by a network provider.

3.   A method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of operating said offer server by a network provider.

4.   A method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of using a web server for a server selected from the group consisting of said offer server and said usage processing server.

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5.   A usage processing server comprising:

        a usage processing module for processing a software product downloaded
from a network;

        wherein said usage processing server is contacted by said software product
after said software product has been downloaded into a terminal device of a user and
has been activated; and

        wherein usage processing data required to perform usage processing are
delivered to said usage processing server.

6.   A usage processing server according to claim 5, further comprising:

        a data store in which a software product identification of said software product
and type of usage processing data that prescribe a type of usage processing of said
software product are stored by said usage processing module, and

        wherein said usage processing module registers said software product.

7.   A usage processing server according to claims 5, wherein:

        said usage processing data required comprises a software product identification
of said software product and a user identification.

8.   A usage processing server according to claim 5, wherein:

        said usage processing comprises performing an access control.

9.   A usage processing server according to claim 5, wherein:

        said usage processing comprises performing a usage charging of said software
product on user accounts and provider accounts.

10.   A usage processing server according to claim 5, wherein:

        said usage processing module keeps statistics about usage contacts that have
taken place and about results of a processing of said usage contacts.

11.   A software product, comprising:

a software component that is activated when called by said software product and that subsequently starts communicating with a usage process server and delivers usage processing data required for performing usage processing to said usage processing server in the framework of said communication;

wherein said software product can be downloaded into a terminal device by a user via a network in response to an inquiry from said user.

12.   A software product according to claim 11, wherein said usage processing data comprises:

software product provider data; and

software product identification; and

wherein said usage processing data is dynamically determined user data.

13.   A software product according to claim 12, wherein said software component interacts with said user to produce said dynamically determined user data.

14.   A method for the generation of a software product that is offered via a network, comprising the steps of:

installing a software component in source code of said software product of a software manufacturer by using a software development kit provided by a usage processing provider;

activating said software component when called by said software product;

starting a communication by said software component with a usage processing server after said step of activating said software component;

sending, by said software component, usage processing data that are required for performing usage processing to said usage processing server in the framework of said communication.